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Sir:

This is a request for filing a [X] continuation, [] divisional, application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application No. 09/553,423, (Confirmation No. 3987), filed April 19, 2000.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the [X] specification; [X] claims; [X] abstract; [X] declaration and power of attorney; [X] Application Data Sheet; [X] Preliminary Amendment; for the above-identified patent application.

The enclosed declaration and power of attorney is:

- [ ] Newly executed (original or copy).
- [X] A Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).
- [ ] A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- [X] The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- [X] The prior application, Application No. 09/553,423, filed April 19, 2000, is assigned of record to eSpeed, Inc.

Also transmitted herewith are:

- [X] Thirty-Two (32) sheets of:
  - [X] Formal drawings.
  - [ ] Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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